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# The HEART Initiative

**Fighting Human Trafficking in Montana and Beyond**  
A Student Organization at MSU  
Bozeman, MT



## What is *Human Trafficking*?

Human trafficking is **modern-day slavery**. According to the [Department of Homeland Security](#) (DHS), men, women, and children are exploited for labor, sex, organs, and more through **force, fraud, or coercion**. Human trafficking has been identified in every country, **all 50 states**, and in **Bozeman**. Watch [this](#) video by the DHS' Blue Campaign to learn more.



## Our 2017/ 2018 Goals

- ❖ Establish a Human Trafficking Community Task Force in Bozeman
- ❖ Hold letter-writing campaigns
- ❖ Raise awareness through trainings and events

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## GET INVOLVED

We meet in **Wilson Hall** in room **1-117** on **Tuesday** at **7 pm**. All are welcome.

## The News

As you traveled this holiday season, did you see warning signs or public service announcements (PSAs) for human trafficking? Read [this](#) short article in the Wall Street Journal to see how **workers on the front-line of travel** are trained to **identify** and **interrupt** trafficking. Take the general public's version of this **training** with the DHS' **17 minute Blue Lighting Training**.

Watch [this](#) new PSA for **child sex trafficking** by the MT Attorney General's office and [Street Grace](#).



OUR MISSION is to **raise awareness; support** anti-trafficking efforts and survivors; and use **collaborative** and **interdisciplinary** approaches to fight human trafficking.

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## RESOURCES

National Human Trafficking Resource Center **1-888-373-7888**

Human Resources Development Council (HRDC) **406-587-4486**

MSU Diversity Awareness Office **406-994-5801**

National Crisis Text Line **Text 741-741**

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## National Slavery & Human Trafficking Prevention Month Event

The HEART Initiative invites you to join us from **11am to 7pm** on **Monday, January 22** in the **Procrastinator Theater** to learn more about human trafficking. Through **documentaries** (including [projects supported by the Sundance Institute](#)) and **discussions**, we will explore different forms of trafficking in various parts of the globe.

### Join Us: Community Task Force



From skier to lawyer, teacher to artist, concerned citizen to accountant, student to parent, or police officer to doctor, you can **use your skills** and **voice** to fight human trafficking. We are collaborating with community leaders and organizations to form a Human Trafficking Community Task Force in Bozeman and we **need your help**.

The **first Committee Meetings** will be held in **January**. The committees include (1) Community Awareness, (2) Law Enforcement and Prosecution, (3) Survivor Services, and (4) Health and Medical Support.

**Email us** at [theheartinitiative406@gmail.com](mailto:theheartinitiative406@gmail.com) for more information and to get involved.

## PAST EVENTS



### Panel for University of Washington's [WWAMI](#)

Members of The HEART Initiative were a part of a human trafficking panel on December 5 for WWAMI medical students interested in OB/GYN and Global Health. In an interactive panel and subsequent documentary, **future health care providers** learned about red flags, local cases, and the global scale of this threat to rights and health.



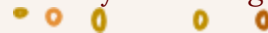
### Warning Signs: Human Trafficking Training & Letter-Writing Campaign

On November 6, The HEART Initiative and [Haven](#) hosted a training to raise awareness about human trafficking. **Detective Baker** and **FBI Special Agent Walter** led community members, teachers, business representatives, and students through Backpage.com, signs and definitions, and examples of trafficking.

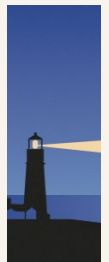
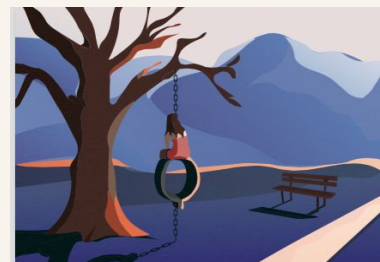


## Organization Spotlights

**My Slavery Footprint:** The supply chains from which our clothes, electronics, and food come are riddled with exploitation. See [how many slaves work for you](#) in this powerful demonstration of how our everyday life is touched by trafficking.



**ArtGeneration:** A big shout-out to **ArtGen's** collaboration to help us create materials for our **Letter-Writing Campaign** (see Past Events). ArtGen's mission is to connect artists and organizations to harness the **power of art** to create social change. To connect, email the founder, Tia Goebel, at [tia.goebel22@gmail.com](mailto:tia.goebel22@gmail.com).



ArtGeneration & Artist Erin Corsi

**Warning Signs highlight:** Approximately **1 out of 3** human trafficking cases began as a tip to law enforcement, demonstrating the **importance of community awareness**.

To reflect on Warning Signs and take a stand, audience members participated in a **Letter-Writing Campaign**. In writing letters to local, state, or federal politicians as well as local businesses or corporations, we are making our voices heard.

Read [coverage](#) of Warning Signs in the Bozeman Daily Chronicle. Interested in the **presentation materials**? Email Detective Baker at [gabaker@fbi.gov](mailto:gabaker@fbi.gov).

**STOP TRAFFICK: KNOW THE SIGNS**  
If someone fits this criteria, they may be a victim of human trafficking

Living with employer • Poor living conditions • Multiple people in cramped space • Inability to speak to individual alone • Answers appear to be scripted and rehearsed • Employer is holding identity documents • Signs of physical abuse • Submissive or fearful • Unpaid or paid very little

## Connect: Human Trafficking + Hunger

How does human trafficking connect to hunger? Human trafficking is a “[global epidemic driven by poverty](#),” explains the Borgen Project, a non-profit that works to end poverty and hunger worldwide. **Food insecurity** and **famine** are connected to human trafficking in the US and low-resource countries.



[Learn more](#) from the United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF) how **food insecurity** and **famine increase** an individual’s **vulnerability** to trafficking.

On October 18, we screened *I Am Jane Doe*. This 2017 documentary highlights the importance of **collaboration** and **raising awareness** to end trafficking. It also showcases how **politicians** and **companies** can play a role in either perpetuating or combating the crime.

The documentary is available on Netflix. For more information and the trailer, go to their [website](#).

## PAST EVENTS -CONTINUED- Documentary Screening: *I Am Jane Doe*



A lawsuit in Seattle featured in the documentary was recently settled and is “the first in the country to defeat [Backpage.com’s] argument that it is immune from sex trafficking lawsuits under the Communications Decency Act.” Read more on the settlement and the remaining cases involving Backpage.com [here](#).



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